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On the 2nd December, at Ipoh, Perak, F.M.S., the wife of H. PATERSON, of a son.

DEATH.

On the 25th November, at the Seremban Hospital, Walter James Riley, overseer, Baling, Negri Sembilan, F.M.S.

The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 13th December, 1902.

Whatever the cause, the gradual diminution of interest which has marked for some years the succeeding meetings of the British Association seems this year to have reached its climax in the recent meeting in Belfast. This was exhibited not only in the contents of the papers read and the new discoveries exhibited but was even more disagreeably manifested in the falling off in the receipts. The receipts since the last meeting in Belfast held in 1874 have actually fallen from £1,950 to £1,620, and this in the face of the fact that from being a comparatively small borough, the town is now one of the eight largest in the United Kingdom, and ranks as a city of 350,000 inhabitants with the largest linen and almost the largest shipbuilding interests in the kingdom. Twenty, or even ten years ago, the public looked forward to each of the annual meetings of the Association for the announcement of some new scientific discovery of first rate importance; it may be said that almost for the first time since the establishment of the Association not one discovery or invention was brought before the notice of the meeting. Much of this apparent falling off has come about by the increasing specialisation of science. It is beyond the power of any but the highest intellect to follow the wide stream of science in its entire development. As Professor Dewar put it well in his opening address:—"In diplomacy and war, so in science, we owe our reputation, and so small part of our prosperity, to exceptional men"; and he added, "that we do not enjoy these things in fuller measure we owe to our lack of an army of well trained ordinary men

capable of utilising their ideas." There is much truth in this, but also it is the common experience of the world that the exceptional man does not come when he is wanted; but that from age to age particular epochs have been marked above others for their abnormal development of the exceptional. It is only at rare intervals in the world's history that a CAESAR, a KARL, or a NAPOLEON, not to speak of a DANTE, or a SHAKESPEARE, has appeared on the face of this lower world; and when he has come he has set at naught all the fetters that bind ordinary men. The nineteenth century was marked by its production of the exceptional: RUMFORD, DAVY, TYNDALL, HUXLEY, DARWIN, and KELVIN form a galaxy of which any century may be proud. They were not produced by any process of evolution; like the poet they were born not made; and we must be content, now that for the most part they are past to use the best means we can to follow their methods. Perhaps the last spark of that indomitable spirit which compels a man will he will, to launch out into the unknown regardless of the storm-warnings that hold back the ordinary individual, was afforded in the person of the President, who has boldly ventured into the unknown depths that surround the beginnings of heat. Here, as Professor Dewar showed, the task is a parabolic one. Lord KELVIN on scientific data which have never been disproved, and seldom seriously as sailed, calculated the absolute minimum of temperature at 273 degrees, centrifuge below the melting point of ice. Professor DEWAR has in his recent work actually reached down to the boiling point of hydrogen, and it might seem a light matter to bridge this apparently insignificant gap of 20 degrees—something less than often separates one spring day from another—yet in all probability the passage is beset with more real difficulties than have been incurred in the forcible extinction of the other two hundred and odd. The interval conceals mysteries amongst the most profound in nature, and of these difficulties we are only just beginning to have a mere glance. So a few years ago an accident revealed to Professor ROENTGEN the existence of a new series of etherial vibrations of which up till then men, from the imperfection of their senses, had remained ignorant; but this discovery has been the fruitful mother of other researches, with the result that we now find ourselves on the margin of other unknown realms ripe for the entrance of the explorer. The want is not, as the ignorant or half-hearted is apt to judge, of genius to conquer but of the able and exceptional man, who throwing the scabbard away will recklessly, but withal with knowledge, cast himself into the narrow way.

But if this interest in science seems to have in a measure cooled down from its one time heat, it is curious to note that it is but turned in another direction. For many years geographical exploration into both Arctic and Antarctic regions seemed to have died out; men would not take the trouble, or even feared the consequences. At present we find the most active minds turning again to the old problem, and again the Arctic explorer is the hero of the hour. Perhaps there is some compensation in this for the apparent neglect of pure science. The chance discovery of a fossil form in Cook's Island in the midst of the Pacific Ocean almost identical with another in Patagonia, which ten or twelve years ago would have been received with actual hostility, as upsetting the theories of a WALLACE that the world was always as it is, now meets with encouragement as a sort of first-fruit of Antarctic discovery. Perhaps we have only changed the venue, and our next exceptional man may arise with surroundings altogether dissimilar from any in the past. The British Association even may have passed its day, but we have too great confidence in the torch of science to believe in the possibility of its extinction.

The Hongkong Rifle Association held a competition to-day, at 2.30 p.m., for the Nursery Cup and spoons. Owing to the pressure on our space to-day, some interesting local matter will be found on page 5.

We are requested to state that the departure of the P.M. steamer Korea has been postponed till to-morrow, at daylight.

The British iron barge Grosvenor, 516 tons registered, was put up to auction by Mr. Geo. F. Lammet yesterday, and sold for \$9,000. Capt. Brown of Honolulu is the purchaser.

We are informed that the following arrangements have been made for holding a Sunday school and occasional services for children in the Peak Church: A service for children will be held on first Sunday of each month by the Rev. C. H. Hocking, of the Union Church, and on the last Sunday of each month by the Rev. F. T. Johnson, of St. John's Cathedral. On the remaining Sundays of each month a Sunday school will be held by Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Pritchard. This "undemonstrative" of the Peak Church, we take it, is a new feature. It should interest some of our readers.

A telegram to the Osaka Mainichi, dated London, December 1st, says:—It is authoritatively declared in Moscow that Port Arthur will henceforward be purely a fortress.

Aga Khan, the Mohammedan leader, returned to Bombay last month. In an interview he gave a glowing account of the Coronation. He was specially impressed by the Naval Review.

The Shanghai Times, with apparent seriousness, published the following as a special telegram:—London, Dec. 7.—An American scientist is said to have announced the discovery of the microbe of laziness.

A native beggar boy was found last month horribly mutilated in a lane at Poona. From the signs of offerings, the theory is advanced that it is a case of living sacrifice by a fanatic, according to a Bombay despatch.

As a mere matter of arithmetic a dollar at 1/8 fixed would be delightfully simple, says the Singapore Free Press. Twelve to the £; same value as guinea; five rupees equal four dollars; five dollars equal three dollars; five Straits dollars equal two American Dollars; five dollars equal (nearly) four yen. Calculations would be marvelously simplified.

The Sandakan correspondent of the Singapore Free Press writes:—It is stated that the amalgamation of the Borneo Hardwood Co., Ltd., with the China-Borneo Co., Ltd., is now an accomplished fact, and that the title of the new concern will be the latter. The timber business is not particularly satisfactory just now, but there are some slight indications that things are on the upward trend again.

At a regular meeting of the Ararat Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, held on the 10th ult., Bro. G. P. Lammet, was duly installed as W. C. N. for the ensuing year, by P. C. N. Wor. Bro. J. Bryant, Wor. Bro. Lammet, then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—S.W., Bro. F. W. Edwards; J.W., Bro. G. G. Barnett; Treas., Bro. I. A. Wheel; Sec., Bro. Jas. Loebel, P.C.N., S.D., Bro. W. Kent; J.D., Bro. G. Patton; and Guardian, Bro. Brand.

The Bangkok Times of the 28th ult. says that the local banks were doing no business. A meeting of the rice-millers was called. The Borneo Co. shut down their rice mills, and Messrs. Markwald & Co. The Banks submitted the following claims to the Government:—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, £150,000. The Chartered Bank, £100,000. The Banque de l'Indo-Chine, 1,500,000 francs. The firms are asking the Banks if they are to be held to contracts made. Nothing, however, is likely to be settled for the next two or three days.

The Shanghai Mercury has received through an outpost correspondent a copy of a placard issued by the Kolokohi society and posted throughout Chongchow, Hunan, the scene of the recent murder of two British missionaries. The placard is couched mostly in the secret language of the society. The intelligent part says that the leader's name is Li Tai-hai, and he calls on the people to exterminate the foreigners and complains of the weakness of the present Emperor, who has caused the death of many innocent subjects.

A London telegram, dated the 7th inst., to the Shanghai Times says:—Weather seems to have set in throughout Europe in earnest. The mild spell following the cold snap of ten days ago has in turn been superseded by freezing weather in all sections with heavy snow throughout the north. At Amsterdam the canals have been frozen over, boat-transportation thus being discontinued for several months; at Vienna the thermometer has fallen 20 degrees below the freezing point. Although this change was not wholly unseasonable, it is said to have brought on general distress.

An anonymous correspondent writes to us with regard to the late attempt at an illegal opium farm, and though we do not as a rule take any notice of such communications we think that his remarks are of sufficient interest to justify our neglect of this rule on the present occasion. The correspondent alleges that the willingness of the Chinese Government to abolish the farm was the result of a discovery that the promoters were anti-Government men, and others indeed than our old friend Kang Yu-wei and his party. "The officials," says our correspondent, "though in possession of the shareholders' names, do not intend to take action first now. The gates of Canton will be opened as usual hereafter. There are enough troops inside the walls to suppress any trouble, and the officials are beginning to feel that their late action in shutting the city gates only exposed them to ridicule."

THEATRE ROYAL.

The Janet Waldorf Co. staged *Sherlock Holmes* for the third time last evening before a very good and appreciative audience. Mr. Norval McGregor in the title role again scored a distinct success, while Mr. Wilson Forbes very ably assisted him as Professor Moriarty. The cigar scene and the fight on the cliff were admirably rendered. Miss Waldorf had very little to do as Irene Adler, but the little was done to perfection. A ballet of street dancers, arranged by Miss Violet Russell, was introduced in the second act, and was much admired. This evening J. H. Broadhurst's farcical comedy, *The Wrong Mr. Wright* opposed the drama, and Miss Janet Waldorf and her Company will again be seen in one of those pieces which are regarded as prime factors for creating a good laugh. *The Wrong Mr. Wright* comes with a splendid reputation, and has enjoyed a successful career in England, America, and Australia, and there is every prospect of a good reception in Hongkong.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS' SERVICE.

LONDON, 10th December.

THE VENEZUELAN DIFFICULTY.

Advices from Caracas, dated the 9th instant, state that the combined English and German fleets that day seized the Venezuelan fleet of four warships than lying in the harbour of Lagunaira, and that all the English subjects at Caracas had been arrested.

LONDON, 9th December.

THE MARSEILLES STRIKE.

The Marseilles strikers have refused to negotiate further with the employers or the Government, and have resolved to continue the struggle to the bitter end.

VENEZUELA.

Satisfaction is expressed in London at the arrest of British subjects at Caracas, they being considered safer in prison than at the mercy of the populace.

MACAO.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Macao, 12th December.

"PAUL DOUMER" ASHORE.
The steamer *Heungshan* was detained at Macao this morning owing to the gale of the entrance of the river. The s.s. *Paul Doumer* went on shore off Barro Point in trying to clear the *Div*, and as the tide was falling with strong N.W. wind blowing the will, probably remain there till next high water. The detention of the *Heungshan* was most inconvenient, as she was under contract to tow a large junk with a consignment of opium out to the s.s. *Empire*, a distance of 10 miles off and also in having a great number of passengers all anxious to get to their destination. The matter of obstruction in the Channel was, as I am informed, duly reported by the Captain of the *Heungshan* through the Company's agent to the Harbour Master, but no action has been taken to clear the Channel. Considering the very shallow state of the harbour and its approaches, surely all facilities should be given to vessels straddling to the port and not allow dangerous obstructions to be placed in the way unnecessarily.

THE "ZAIRE."

The gauboot *Zaire* leaves for India on Sunday, 14th inst.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

"BEACHCOMBERS."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 12th December.

SIR,—I have read with alarm your admirable article in to-day's issue on the subject of beachcombers, and sincerely wish that it may lead to some practical steps being taken by the Government to check the ever-increasing evils which inevitably follow the arrival of such men. Hongkong is fast becoming, and if nothing effectual be done, will soon become the dumping ground for the destitute and underserving from Manila and from all parts of the Far East. Can no drastic measures be taken to avert this imminent calamity? Surely it is within the power and ability of the local authorities to devise effectual ways and means to put an immediate stop to this evil.—Yours, etc.,

CONSERVATIVE.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The fourth Club Race takes place to-morrow over Course No. 8.

BAZAAR IN THE CITY HALL.

A sale of the articles of needle and fancy work made by the Chinese orphans under the tuition of the Asile de la Sainte Enfance was held yesterday, commencing at 2 p.m., under the patronage of Sir Henry and Lady Blake. A native regimental band played an excellent programme during the afternoon. Business seemed to be brisk, and we hope the bazaar was a financial success, the object being such a worthy one.

CRICKET.

The following will play for the H.K.C.C. (Civilian XI) v. H.M.S. *Tamar* to-day, commencing at 11 a.m.:

Dr. J. M. Atkinson, J. T. Dixon, T. C. Grey, G. O. Heron, J. Hooper, G. P. Lammet, W. R. Lomarchand, W. C. D. Turner, A. R. Lowe, A. G. Ward, and A. N. Other.

A cricket match will take place at the Happy Valley to-day at 2 p.m. between the "Craigie-gower C.C. and the Civil Service C.C."

FOOTBALL.

This afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club XV will play H.M.S. *Glory* under Rugby rules. The kick-off is at 4 o'clock. The Club will play in striped jerseys, and will be represented by the following:—

Lieut. Campbell, full back; H. Arthur, Ian Graham, T. E. Pearce, and T. J. Hallett, three-quarters; J. P. Jordan and Lieut. Heath, halves; E. B. Hallifax, P. Goldring, E. D. C. Wolfe, O. T. Barnes, V. Cooper, H. F. Chard, A. Boyd, and W. W. Clark, forwards.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held yesterday at noon in the Council Chamber. Present:—His Excellency THE GOVERNOR, Sir HENRY A. BLAKE, G.C.M.G., His Excellency Sir W. GASCOIGNE, K.C.M.G. (Commanding the Troops), Hon. F. H. MA, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary), Hon. Sir HENRY SPENCER BARKLEY, Kt. (Attorney-General), Hon. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer), Hon. Commander R. M. RUMSEY, R.N. (Harbour Master), Hon. W. CHATHAM (Director of Public Works), Hon. Dr. F. W. CLARK (Medical Officer of Health), Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., Hon. Wai A. YUK, Hon. C. S. SHARP, Hon. G. W. DICKSON, Hon. G. W. F. PLATFAIR, Hon. R. SHEWAN, Mr. C. GEMMINTI (Acting Clerk of Council).

THE PEAK WATER SUPPLY.
Hon. G. W. F. PLATFAIR moved the following resolution, of which he had given notice at the last meeting:—"That His Excellency the Governor should be requested to appoint an independent Committee unconnected with the Public Works Department to examine into the truth of the statements contained in the return supplied by the Director of Public Works of the supply of water to the upper levels of the Peak in November last and up to the date of that return." He said:—"Your Excellency, I first leave to read the following letter addressed to me by one of the most prominent residents in the Peak. I leave out names, but I will hand up the original to your Excellency so that you can see it:—

Hongkong, 6th December, 1902.
Dear Sir,—I understand that in a return laid before the Legislative Council by the Director of Public Works the water supply of the Peak was shown as satisfactory, and I believe the delay in getting out the water accounts was submitted to the employment of high officers of the Department on inspection for the completion of this return. The statement that the supply is satisfactory is distinctly contrary to fact, and the only officer of the department I can hear of as having visited the houses is "Solomon." He spoke to my servant but no one has made any enquiries of me (my next door neighbour) or myself. On the other hand I informed the Director of Public Works early in November in a letter, which he has not yet acknowledged, that on one day the amount delivered through the pipe was half a bucket and I pointed out that that was not sufficient for 10 souls. (my next door neighbour) tells me that he has to have most of his water obtained by cooies.

The supply cannot have been inspected by an engineer as he would have seen that an adequate supply cannot run through the size of pipe in 1 of an hour with the pressure allowed. Yours truly,

The Hon. G. W. F. PLATFAIR.
From that letter your Excellency will see that poor old "Solomon," the black man, was the most competent official whom the Director of Public Works had at his disposal to compile this return. I am surprised at the assurance of the Director of Public Works in laying that return on the table stating that the house in question, which has been referred to in that letter, had a good supply when at the time he told it he had an unanswered letter of complaint from the gentleman in question, distinctly contrary to that statement. I would draw your Excellency's attention to the unanswered letter. I have heard of several other letters being unanswered, and it is very silly to say that no answer, when a household has a reasonable cause for complaint that he should be treated with incivility and quietly ignored. Since I gave notice of this motion I observe that the Director of Public Works has been going round about the subject, to the detriment of his official duties—to all the other householders in the Peak getting an expression of opinion; but I am afraid that this expression of opinion, together with the fact no doubt that we will hear something about corroded pipes and about the water taps being turned on all at the same time, does not overcome facts, and it is a very patent fact which the Director of Public Works knows himself that many householders in the Peak have been enjoying their cooies to draw water from neighbouring wells. That is a very strong fact. No amount of arguing or of getting returns to say that people get a good supply or a small supply can overcome that very solid fact. I would also refer to the letter in the public Press from a lady living at Mountain View Terrace, in which she complained that she had no water. These facts which I have given and the letter which I have read are quite sufficient justification for having brought forward this motion. As I observed before, I am afraid of asking questions which were productive of no results, and it is for the benefit and the efficiency of the administration of this Colony that the public should know a little more than they have known about how things are going and how things are managed or mismanaged. I think that having stated this so far, I have now to indicate where in my opinion the real fault lies. I have deliberately and directly to accuse the Government of cheese-paring economy in not providing the Director of Public Works with a sufficient staff to carry on his work. The duties of the Public Works Department have very largely increased since the date of the Commission recommending the increase.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.—I must point out to the hon. member that that has nothing whatever to do with the resolution before the Council. The resolution is for the purpose of enquiring into the truth or otherwise of a certain statement.
Hon. Mr. PLATFAIR.—And I am giving the reasons.
His Excellency.—That has nothing to do with it. I cannot allow that line of argument. Anything that goes to show that the statement was not correct is quite right to put before the Council, but the hon. member is going beyond that. This is a question of fact—whether a certain statement made by a public official is true or false.
Hon. Mr. PLATFAIR.—Well, then, sir, I have said about all I have say. I do not think that there is anything more for me to say if you take away the grounds of my remarks I do not think it is necessary for me to say anything more and I can only say that I worded the resolution mildly, and I simply leave the proposed resolution in your hands.
Hon. C. S. SHARP.—Sir, as complaints have been made calling in question the accuracy of the statement laid on the table of this Council, and with a view to ventilating them, I beg to second the resolution.
The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.—Sir, with regard to this matter, I have been endeavouring in the short time that has intervened since notice of the resolution was given,

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HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon in the Board Room. Present:—Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Principal Civil Medical Officer (President); Colonel Hughes, R.A.M.C.; Mr. F. J. Buley, Captain Superintendent of Police; Mr. C. M. E. Masser, Acting Registrar-General; Mr. E. Osborne, Mr. Fung Wa Chun, Mr. Lau Chu Pak and Mr. G. A. Woodcock (Secretary).

EXTIRPATION OF MOSQUITOES.

Correspondence was laid on the table relative to the extermination of mosquitoes. This included a letter from Dr. J. C. Thomson.

On the proposal of Mr. OSBORNE, it was agreed that the letter in question should be published in the Press. Dr. Thomson wrote as follows:—

"Hongkong, 25th October, 1902.
"Sir,—I have the honour to report for the information of His Excellency the Governor that I made a careful investigation of the nullah crossing MacDonnell Road and its neighbourhood with reference to the presence of the larvae of mosquitoes on the afternoons of yesterday and the previous day with results as follow:—

"The most easterly of the three nullahs, that passing on the east side of the Honorable Wei A. Yuk's house, is untrained and it overflows with anophelous larvae throughout. I found a mass of cooies acting under the orders of the P.W.D. commencing the work of filling in holes and levelling out the centre of the bed of the stream.

"The next nullah is roughly trained with a stone pavement which offers many hollows where anophelous might readily breed. There was evidence of larvae having been used, and I was not able to demonstrate their presence below Bowen Road at the level the training ceases, and immediately above Bowen Road I found anophelous larvae abundant.

"The most westerly nullah is much better trained with a smooth bed for the stream made of a coarse concrete, and the result of my search was as in the last described nullah. Immediately above Bowen Road, large were abundant. Several branches of nullahs are at present dry.

"I also examined a great many puddles of water due to the coining of water from the hillside or from the excavations on MacDonnell Road itself, behind certain of the houses, and up on the level of Bowen Road. I found anophelous larvae present in all of them except where there was evidence of kerosene having been used.

"A very interesting and practically important circumstance came to my notice in my examination of some of these roadside puddles. On the Bowen Road level where they are undisturbed, I found such collections of water literally swarming with both anophelous and culicid larvae where oil had been adequately used, but there was a middle series, in which only a little kerosene was present covering the surface imperfectly in which I found plenty of culicid larvae, but none of anophelous. The latter seem fortunately more easily destroyed than the former, culicid being apparently able to push its respiratory system clear of a thin oil layer for breathing purposes in circumstances where anophelous, not possessing this special breathing tube, cannot live. The species of anophelous found was *Anopheles maculipes*, and the larvae which I group as culicid were those of *Armigeres obtusatus* and *Culex fatigans*. Having in view the foregoing observations I offer the following recommendations:—

"1. The operations at present in progress in the most easterly nullah should be carried well above Bowen Road and should be followed as soon as possible by a complete training of the nullah.

"2. The training of the other two nullahs should be carried higher up the hill, and until this can be arranged, temporary measures such as those in progress in the easterly nullah should be used for some distance above Bowen Road. The middle nullah should be completely trained, and a flow of concrete over its present pavement and certain breaks in the concrete floor and sides of the most westerly nullah should be repaired.

"3. Efforts should be made to give free unobstructed run to all coaling water and the hillside coaling should as much as possible be received on well-sloped concrete surfaces, to prevent the presence of little stagnant pools of water.

"4. It is essential to take into account the district well above Bowen Road in all the operations for improvement of the health of MacDonnell Road, in which as well as in Kennedy Road below it, malaria is severely prevalent. The presence of such swarms of anophelous as I found in the larvae stage just above Bowen Road will nullify the efforts made on the slightly lower level.

"5. The co-operation of the military authorities in the matter of dealing with extensive water puddles on military land just below Kennedy Road is necessary, to any success in the direction indicated. These should be cleared away by adequate drainage.

"6. The work of destruction of the larvae and the pools in which they do or may breed should embrace treating the water with kerosene oil.

"I do not think any part of this should be left to private owners or occupiers of property. In one case, where all the circumstances behind a house were favourable for the presence of larvae, I found none, because adequate care was evidently being taken. Behind another house I found the larvae simply swarming. The total number of such collections of water is not large, and they can be quite adequately dealt with if the work be done systematically. I urge that the official of the P.W.D. dealing with the district should have orders to take cognisance of every water surface in the neighbourhood, and unless it be running freely to eradicate, otherwise improve, or kerosene it periodically as may in each case be possible. In a large question like this, where the public health is concerned, any other course seems to me likely to invite failure as one property with breeding places overlooked would nullify very extensive efforts elsewhere.

"It is well to recognise an important limitation of what can be accomplished in the directions I have indicated. The anophelous mosquito breeds high up in the ravines and larvae will constantly tend to be washed down into the lower parts. But if the nullahs be trained and maintained in the condition I have described as desirable, no resting place would exist for such washed down larvae within the inhabited districts around the nullahs, and they would be swept into the harbour.

"And in the neighbourhood under consideration it is especially possible to reduce the smaller breeding places to the minimum, and to practically stamp out malaria.

"8. I further recommend that an effort should be made to induce residents in the whole district from Bowen Road down to and including the Barnacles to destroy as many as possible of the present mass of infected anophelous during the winter by a very thorough fumigation of basements, bed-rooms, servants' quarters, dog-kennels, and other outbuildings where they fume, and other external places with sulphur fumes or chloroform gas should precede any disturbance of the insects

by other means, and a suitable time would be the month of January. This might be undertaken by the Sanitary Department in order to secure its being done systematically and efficiently and would probably be accepted willingly if offered from house to house, since all residents are in full sympathy with every effort to exterminate the cause of the present great prevalence of malarial fever. I may say that the Medical Officer of Health, who accompanied me on my second visit to this district, considers my proposal for the destruction of all basements and out-buildings during the winter season to be a quite practicable one, and he is prepared to make necessary arrangements.

"I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,"

"JOHN C. THOMSON."

"Dr. J. M. ATKINSON,"
Principal Civil Medical Officer."

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.
The Surveyor's report for the third quarter of 1902 was laid on the table.

SMOKE NUISANCE.
A letter was read from the Hongkong Steam Laundry requesting a further extension of forty days to comply with a smoke nuisance notice. Col. Hughes intimated: "The smoke from the laundry is an intolerable nuisance to the number of Europeans frequenting Kennedy's stables. It is also detrimental to the health of the numbers of valuable horses and their Chinese attendants. In my opinion four months was a very liberal period to allow for improvement. The laundry has been carrying this smoke for very much too long. I am against granting a further respite unless this chimney is carried up thirty or forty feet higher, which can easily be done, and which will abate the nuisance to some extent."

On the motion of the President seconded by Mr. BADLEY, it was agreed to grant the extension until the chimney be heightened.

FAT-BOLLING ESTABLISHMENTS.
An application for house No. 196, Des Vaux Road to be registered as a fat-bolling establishment, and a minute thereon by Hon. Dr. Clark, were considered. The minute was as follows: "I see there is no record in the minutes of the Board of any definite decision as to the establishment of further offensive trades within the City limits. I think it would be as well if the Board decided that they would not grant licences for the establishment of any new premises of this description in the City or in the larger villages of Kowloon. Then such new premises would be established in the more rural districts, where there would be very little nuisance to anyone."

The application was refused, on the motion of the President, seconded by Col. HUGHES.

CONSTRUCTION OF CHANNELS AND DRAINS.
Hon. Dr. Clark tabled a minute to the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon recommending the construction of proper channels and drains in the Sheklong Market. It read: "I read the minute of the Board of the 11th inst. regarding the Sheklong Market and find that the market is in a very insanitary condition, apparently because the market has no suitable channels and drains to receive its washings, which flow down the steps into the roadway. If you have no objections to raise I propose to advise the Board to ask that this market be properly channelled and drained."

Mr. A. Gibson, the Veterinary Surgeon, replied: "I will warmly support any such proposal."

It was decided to call the attention of the Government in the usual way.

REVISION OF WATER-CLOSETS.
An application was considered for the erection of fifteen water-closets at Kowloon Docks. A plan attached was inspected. Mr. E. Osborne intimated: "Grant subject to an adequate water supply independent of Government mains."

The Board agreed to grant the application subject to the terms of Mr. Osborne's minute. A similar course was followed in the case of an application for the erection of sixteen water-closets on the new premises of Messrs. Watson & Co. in Des Vaux Road. A well ten feet deep is also to be provided.

THE PROVISION OF A BACK-YARD.
Further correspondence was laid on the table relative to the provision of a backyard for No. 1, Ladder Street. Consideration was postponed until next meeting of the Board.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.
The mortality statistics for the Colony for the week ended 29th November showed the death-rate per 1,000 per annum to be 15.2, against 20.7 in the previous week and 17 for the corresponding week of last year.

RETURNS OF RATS.
Of 1,248 rats caught in the City of Victoria during the week ended 8th December, 17 were infected, as were 18 out of 2,045 caught in Kowloon.

ANALYSES OF PUBLIC WATER.
The analyses by Mr. F. Browne, Government Analyst, of public water supplies for the month of November, showed that the water in every case was of excellent quality.

LIMB-WASHING RETURNS.
The limewashing returns for the fortnight ended 6th December give 2,638 houses as treated in the Central district and 1,371 in the Western. There were four prosecutions in the former district, and fines were imposed to the amount of \$16.

This was all the public business.

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

14th December, 3rd Sunday in Advent.
Matins (11 a.m.).
Responses, Psalms, Venite, A Book; Psalms, Robinson and Dupuis; Benedicite, Munder in F. Fablate, Ouseley in G; Hymns, 217, 355, and 49.

Evensong (5.45 p.m.).
Responses, Psalms, Smart, Purcell, Pelton, and Woodward; Magnificat, Wesley in F (1st M.); Nunc Dimittis, Taylor in G (2nd M.); Hymns, 537, 50, and 51; Vesper Hymn, Steane.

S. PETER'S CHURCH.

(Corner of Des Vaux Road West and Western Street.)
Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.
Matins (11 a.m.).
Venite, Woodward; Te Deum, Lums; Benedicite, Goss; Hymns, 38, 395, 326, and 407.
Evensong (8.30 p.m.).
Magnificat, Trent; Nunc Dimittis, Aldrich; Hymns, 38, 395, 326, and 407.

The Mission launch *Daylight* will call on the ships between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m. and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 16.30 and 6), to bring friends ashore to the services; returning afterwards. The "Answering Bells" will be the "call" flag. All seats free. Strangers welcome.

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, 12th December.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

LI PING v. CHUN TONG.

The plaintiff in this case claimed \$16,000 damages on account of the defendant having, it was alleged, taken away stones from the plaintiff's quarry at Ma Tau Kok. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. E. B. Doonan, solicitor), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. E. J. Crist, solicitor), for the defendant.

Mr. Sharp, K.C., in opening the case, said the plaintiff was a building contractor; so also was the defendant. Plaintiff was granted from the Crown of the exclusive right to quarry granite upon the Crown lands at Ma Tau Kok. During the months of January, February and to the 20th of March, 1901, the defendant committed a breach of this exclusive right of the plaintiff to quarry granite there. Defendant denied that he had quarried stone in the area leased by the plaintiff. The evidence would show that for a period of about 20 years—in fact, he thought more than double that period—the right of quarrying granite, as it was expressed in the Crown lease, had been leased yearly to an individual or individuals called the quarry farmer. This right comprised the small incidental right to remove any granite which had been already quarried during the year of the lease for one month exceeding that year, after the next farmer went in on his lease. That was to say, during the January of the preceding year the old farmer was permitted to remove from the farm any granite already quarried up to 31st December. That right expired for one month. In the year 1900 and apparently for a few years before that year the defendant was the quarry farmer. For the year 1901 the plaintiff was the quarry farmer and during that year had the exclusive right to quarry granite. There could be no question, he took it, what the right to quarry granite meant.

His Lordship:—The lease has one month—to the end of January—to remove material which has been quarried during the year?

Mr. Sharp replied in the affirmative. The right to quarry granite he took to mean blasting, excavating, or working it in any way within the leased area or to take it away after it had been so worked. The plaintiff, he thought, was entitled to damages for the infringement by anybody—in this case by the defendant—of his exclusive right. Of this title to damages the defendant should be peculiarly aware as he had brought an action of a very similar nature against another person in 1897, which was decided ultimately by the Full Court. The system of working the farm appeared to be this: any purchaser, any builder, wanting granite went there and saw the quarry farmer or his foreman and the quarry farmer employed men himself to actually do the quarrying; also there were a number of so-called quarry masters who had apparently a customary right, which however the quarry farmer was not absolutely under obligation to respect, to work in the different quarries within the farm. At the option of the farmer, he worked the granite himself and supplied the purchaser or allowed the latter to go to one of those quarry masters, giving him a licence to obtain so much granite on payment of a royalty to himself by the master. The late farmer, he thought, during the latter part of 1900 employed something like 300 or 400 men of his own to do actual quarrying work to supply stone under certain contracts between him and Messrs. Panchard, Lowther & Co., who had very extensive works immediately north of the farm. These works were for various purposes, principally just now for the making of concrete. At the period in question the works were in course of construction, and for their construction defendant's contracts ran in the year 1900 and for the first half of 1901. Panchard & Lowther required stone which might be divided into two classes—building stone and stone broken up for the purpose of making concrete. A large amount of work was done by the defendant under the contracts. For example two long trenches were cut, about 4 feet deep and 50 feet wide, practically the whole length of Lot 1, 1899 and these were filled up with concrete for the purpose of making strong foundations for the drying-beds for the immense blocks of concrete. Practically the whole of the lot, too, was surfaced to a depth of about 9 inches thick, also with concrete. Part of a bungalow also remained to be built, and for all these purposes as well as for building a railway embankment large quantities of stone were used. At the end of his 1900 lease defendant bid for the farm again, presumably for the purpose of carrying out his contracts, but the plaintiff overbid him. They would prove that after 1st January, defendant, notwithstanding the expiry of his lease, went on employing practically the same number of men and did not stop work. He continued to quarry fresh stone, especially along the northern side of the farm, which side was the most convenient to the works. On 1st January, the plaintiff remonstrated with the defendant's foreman. On the 2nd, plaintiff actually forcibly stopped the defendant's work-people. Next day, however, they had resumed work, and plaintiff then found it necessary to take other steps to stop them. The proceeding went on until the 12th, when the plaintiff complained to the P.W.D. & all it continued, and on the 25th plaintiff again went to P.W.D. and lodged a complaint. On the 26th Mr. King, the land bailiff, was sent down to inspect the place, and made the first of a series of visits to the farm. On the following day the defendant ceased blasting, although he continued to work off building stone in other ways. On 7th February a survey was made of the stone alleged to have been removed by the defendant. On 8th February plaintiff summoned the defendant at the Police Court, the case was heard on the 12th, and on the 13th the defendant ceased working this large building stone. However, the other poaching, which had been carried on to a very much greater extent, of granite for concrete, continued, and the evidence of the P.W.D. officials would be that plaintiff made repeated complaints to them. On 2nd March plaintiff commenced proceedings in the Summary Court, but owing to the value of the stone being altogether too great for that Court, the proceedings had to be withdrawn. Then the present action was begun. On 11th March Mr. King paid his second visit, and in company with Mr. Gray of the P.W.D. inspected the place, and again on the 16th when he found practically the same poaching going on. On the 17th Mr. King sent for the defendant and warned him; two days later he visited the scene with Mr. Gray and found the situation unchanged. Then proceedings were again taken at the Police Court, and the effect of these proceedings seemed to have been that the poaching stopped on the 21st. The plaintiff claimed that a large quantity of stone was wrongfully taken away from his quarry by the works by the defendant. Evidence was taken, and the Court afterwards adjourned.

SPORTING NOTES.

The training on the race-course is beginning to get interesting now that the drudgery of the slow work is over, and there is quite a crowd on the rails on Wednesdays and Saturdays, when the grass track is open. No really fast work has been done yet, at all events by the waters, but no doubt some of the forward ones will be sent along in the course of the next week or two. The big race of the Meeting seems quite an open affair, and opinions vary considerably as to who is the owner of the lucky one. As far as I can gather, Colonel Hughes's (late Major Denny's) *Brilliant* is the most fancied, and not a bad selection either, for the animal has plenty of substance and is a compact, strong little horse and seems to move very true. I believe quite a big figure was given on the transfer of ownership, which shows that there are people who are not afraid of paying for a good horse in the Colony, and I wish Col. Hughes good luck in his bargain.

Major Langlands has a nice brown mare, with a lot of quality, and must be in the first flight. Mr. Rennie owns a bay mare which does her work very quietly and well and seems to be improving as fast as it is possible; she is one to be reckoned with. Mr. Master has been very unlucky, as two in his stable have been on the sick list for some time now, and both of them were well forward in condition when they gave up work. I am sure everyone hopes that such a keen sportsman may be able to bring them out again shortly. Mr. Master has another in his stable which belongs to Mr. Morgan Phillips, but although I believe she is spoken of as "a possible," I can't fancy her, as she is all abroad when she gallops and doesn't seem to go at all kindly, besides which she lacks quality, which can't be dispensed with altogether. Mr. Hunter of the bank has a very nice-looking pony, and may turn out another *Big Ronald*—little and good. General Gascoigne's last year's luck has not stuck to him this year; but Mr. Cruickshank has had a lot of practice in bringing them to the post, and the General still has *Jay*, who is looking wonderfully well and is in charge of the same gentleman, so that with last year's Derby winner and his own grey mare Mr. Cruickshank should account for some of the races not confined to griffins. Among the China ponies I fancy Mr. Balch's to be as good a sort as most of them and Messrs. Lewis and White's combination stable is undoubtedly a strong one. Mr. Morris works very hard at his part, and they are coming along nicely and Mr. MacDonald's sit-eared one looks as if he might do anything.

The Hongkong Regatta has come and gone and the Hongkong Boat Club and V.R.C. are to be congratulated heartily on the success of the entertainment and the racing. The Boat Club rather monopolised the prizes, but as the motto of all sportsmen is "May the best man win," I am sure no V.R.C. members grudge them their victories. The Coxes, I notice, came in for the usual beating, but these light-weight gentlemen only suffer the usual fate attached to their post. Speaking from a fairly extensive acquaintance with rowing criticism, amateur and otherwise, I have known very few cases in which the losing cox was not blamed or in which it was thought necessary to praise the winning cox. Such is the invidious nature of the post.

The newly instituted Hockey Shield competition is on the eve of commencement. The Hockey Club's first match in it comes off on Thursday next, the 18th instant, when the team from H.M.S. *Gloria* will be met. A correspondent who wrote to me two weeks ago says:—"I am glad to find that the Ladies' Hockey Club took my advice and did not keep out the 'mere men.' I am sure they will gain by their decision. In the first match under their auspices this island of ours gained a signal success, the Kowloonites, who should have formed the opposition, not venturing to face Hongkong and the elements combined."

A correspondent writes to me to remonstrate against my statement that the Rugby football match on the 29th ult. was not the first encounter between the Hongkong and the H.K.F.C. and the Navy. He points out that the Club's record of matches so far is:—

Nov. 14, v. *Albion and Cressy* Drawn
Nov. 20, v. *Cressy* Won
Nov. 22, v. *The Navy* Drawn
Dec. 6, v. *Ocean* Won

I am glad to publish my correspondent's correction and to acknowledge that the match a fortnight back was the first between the Club and the Navy. To-day the Rugbyists play another naval team, drawn from H.M.S. *Gloria*. A very good side has been got together for the home team. Jordan and Heath bid fair to make an excellent pair of halves, though it must be confessed that most naval teams are faster in this line. Hallett makes his debut among the Club three-quarters, in the place of Rutherford, and Boyd appears for Crakeford.

The Amateur Golf Championship of Ceylon was won on the 22nd ult. by Mr. D. W. Watson, who repeated his 1901 success. This year his opponent was Mr. A. E. Ogilby.

The S. Andrew's Stakes at Shaughnessy, usually held on the Saturday following the bull, were this year postponed for a week owing to the few entries received. The result on the 6th inst. was:—Mr. Gire's *Dover Castle* (Mr. N. E. Moller), 1; Mr. Toog's *Shanquahm* (Mr. E. U. Reid), 2; Mr. Donnachie's *Haggis* (Mr. P. Dietrich), 3.

The Oxford University Athletics have not made a very good start in their Indian cricket tour. At Bombay their record was 2 losses and a draw. After losing to the Presidency team by a margin of only 47 runs, the Athletics drew with the Hindus, making 336 runs in one innings against the Hindus' 138 and 227 for 9 wickets; and lost to the Parsees, scoring 311 and 124 against 406 and 30 for 2 wickets. In both the two matches the Athletics lost they batted one short in one innings.

OMPAX.

TRIAL TRIP OF THE "KWONGCHOW."

The steamer *Kwongchow*, recently launched from Messrs. Bailey & Co.'s yard in Kowloon Bay, underwent her official sea trials yesterday, the mean speed from Kowloon Rock to Channel Rock being 11½ knots per hour.

The *Kwongchow* is the largest steel vessel yet launched in Hongkong, and her owners are the Shui On Steamship Co., Ltd. She was designed by Messrs. Bailey for the service between Hongkong and Canton, and her dimensions are: length overall, 200ft.; breadth, 35ft.; depth, 12ft.; with a gross tonnage of 1,475. The engines are compound surface condensing of the most modern design. She has accommodation for over 1,000 native passengers, and has also ample accommodation with state-rooms and saloons for European passengers; the first and second-class Chinese saloons are also fitted in unusually good style, and the vessel is lighted throughout by electricity. The captain, officers, and engineers are housed on the shade deck, where they have also their own mess-room and bath-room, etc.; and their cabins, like all the others on board, are painted in white and gold, fitted with carpets, cushions, etc., with portable electric lights and all other conveniences. The sanitary fittings throughout are of the highest class, and the bath-rooms, etc., fitted with tiled floors. The vessel is controlled by steam-steering gear.

At the invitation of the builders and of the owners, eighty-four guests set down to tiffin after the official trials, and did full justice to an excellent repast provided by Messrs. Madras Farmer, among those present being Messrs. Chau Siu-ki, Liao Tze-an and other directors of the Shui On Steamship Co.; Messrs. Mamford, Goldard, Crane, Orbach, A. H. Hewitt, Cove, Simcox, Parlane, Redger, Johnston, Mitchell, Logan, Kew, Seth, Robertson and others, besides several ladies.

In proposing success to the *Kwongchow*, Mr. W. S. BAILEY said—Ladies and gentlemen, the steamer *Kwongchow* having completed her official trials to the satisfaction of the owners, I have much pleasure in saying a few words upon this occasion. It seems but yesterday that our friend Mr. Chau Siu-ki approached us with the enquiry for this vessel, evidently with grave doubts as to our ability to build her, but here the vessel floats to-day to the entire satisfaction of her owners, and we are glad to feel that we merited the confidence which they placed in us by giving us, as a young firm, so large an order. The owners were very clear as to the requirements. We were to build a 200 foot long, to attain a speed of ten knots, while carrying a thousand passengers and 350 tons deadweight cargo. On going into the matter we found to ensure the speed under these conditions machinery of an improved type to that commonly used would be necessary, and this we have fitted and without extra charge, with the result that 11½ knots have been attained. At the beginning we decided that the question of profit should be a secondary one, to the owners by turning out a vessel which would be even more than satisfactory; we have spared no expense to attain this end, and we have our reward to-day in the appreciation of our work expressed by the owners. It has been said that the pleasure of life consists not in the making of money, but in the accomplishment of what may be termed "satisfactions," namely, the attainment of those ends upon which we set our hearts. We made up our minds to turn out a thoroughly satisfactory job regardless of cost, and we are to-day better rewarded by the knowledge of success, and by the owners' appreciation, than if we had aimed only at making a large profit out of the work. Our relations with the owners have been throughout been of the most cordial nature. Mr. Chau Siu-ki and his fellow-directors have taken the keenest interest in the design and construction of this vessel, and they have assisted us in every way. I wish to express, on behalf of my partner and myself, our high appreciation of the confidence and assistance given us by the directors of this Company, and I ask you, ladies and gentlemen, to join me in drinking a bumper to the success of the good ship *Kwongchow*, comparing the toast with the name of Mr. Chau Siu-ki. (Applause.)

Mr. CHAU SIU-KI (the Chairman of the Shui On S. S. Co.) said—Ladies and gentlemen, before I respond to the toast proposed by Mr. Bailey for the success of the steamer *Kwongchow*, allow me to thank you for the honour you have paid us in being present here to-day; an honour which, I need hardly say, is exceedingly gratifying both to the directors of the Shui On Steamship Co., and to myself. Speaking on behalf of the Company, I am pleased to be able to state that the *Kwongchow* has been constructed and equipped to our entire satisfaction by Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co. I am assured that the speed attained at her trial today is a very satisfactory one. The *Kwongchow* is the largest factory vessel that has yet been launched in this Colony, and we feel very much indebted to Messrs. Bailey & Murphy for the thorough manner in which they have carried out the work. The Company are determined to do their utmost to provide for the comfort of the passengers and I feel confident that the captain and the officers of the vessel will heartily co-operate with the directors to attain that end. The trade between Hongkong and Canton is increasing to such an extent that I hope this new addition will be welcomed by these merchants immediately connected with this important portion of Hongkong's commerce. Ladies and gentlemen, I will now ask you to kindly join me in drinking heartily to the success and prosperity of the builders, Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., coupled with the name of Mr. E. O. Murphy. (Applause.)

Mr. E. O. MURPHY, responding on behalf of the builders, said that occasionally like the present were the bright spots in the shipbuilder's life where he saw the success of his months of hard work, and received the congratulations of his friends. He expressed the pleasure he felt at being present here so many of those who in a few years like Hongkong had no doubt left their places at considerable inconvenience to be present. Mr. MURPHY in a neat speech responded to the toast of the visitors, and thanked the builders and the owners for their hospitality. The toasts of the caterers and of the Captain of the ship were also honoured, after which the vessel steamed to the Company's wharf, where she presented a pretty sight illuminated by electric light and decorated with bunting.

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Hongkong, 15th November, 1902.

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POLICE COURT.

Friday, 12th December.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (POLICE MAGISTRATE.)

FATAL GAMBLING RAID.

On Thursday night Sergeant Munson executed a gambling warrant at 314, Queen's Road Central, and arrested twenty-two Chinese who were playing *pai-tau*. When the police entered the house a scramble was made to escape, and one of the Chinamen, trying to get away by means of the verandah, fell a distance of about twenty feet to the ground, and sustained injuries from which he died on the way to the Government Civil Hospital.

Two of the gamblers were fined \$50 each for being keepers, and the others, for gambling on the premises, \$3 each.

A WELL-DESERVED SENTENCE.

Chu Kan, of neither occupation nor fixed abode, pleaded not guilty to a charge of stealing a gold-mounted rattan bangle from a child. The value of the bangle was \$4.

An amah stated that she was carrying the child on her back, and that the defendant came up from behind and snatched the bangle from the wrist of her charge. She called out, and the defendant was chased and caught by an European.

Robert Withell, master inspector, said he was coming out of Tak Cheong's when he saw the defendant above up against the last witness. When there was a cry of "Thief," and defendant ran away. He was caught by witness, who found the bangle in the gutter. The accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour and to receive two whippings of twenty strokes each.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 12th December:—Business has been very dull during the whole of the past week, and with the exception of Banks and Lands there is but little strength in closing quotations.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have been booked at \$630, \$652½ and \$655, and close with further buyers at the latter rate. The London quotation is \$62. Nationals are unchanged at \$7 sellers.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have been booked at \$40 and are in further request. China Traders have receded to \$58 with probable sellers. Yangtze continue in request at \$133.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong can be procured at \$345, and Chinas at the reduced rate of \$55.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have eased off to \$36½ sellers, with buyers at \$36½. Indo-China have declined to \$38 after sales at \$92 and \$90. China and Manila are weak at \$25 sellers. Dampier have sold at \$42 and more buyers are procurable at the rate. Star Ferries (old) have been placed at \$23 and (new) at \$13, the latter closing with buyers. Shell Transports have receded to £1, 12s. 6d. sellers, after a sale at £1, 12s.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been placed at \$84 to \$85, and there are further sellers at the higher rate. Lanzas sold at \$12½.

MINING.—Punions (ordinaries) are procurable at \$2½, and preferences at 75 cents. Rubies have been done at \$62, and more shares could probably be placed. Jubilee are unchanged with sellers at \$11.

DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have sold at \$215 and \$217½, and close with probable sellers at \$15. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have declined to \$88 at which the last sale was effected. N.W. Amoy Docks, can be procured at \$40.

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands continue in request, and sales have been effected at \$184 and \$185, the market closing with buyers at the higher rate. Kowloon Lands are quiet at \$31. West Point has improved to \$85 buyers. Humphreys Estates continue to offer at \$124. Hongkong Hotels have been booked at \$141. Orient Hotels can be procured at the reduced rate of \$37½.

COTTON MILLS.—In the North, Ewas have improved to Tls. 42. Internationals to Tls. 41, and Laco Kung Mows to Tls. 42. Soy Chees are unchanged at Tls. 160. Hongkong Cottons are quiet at \$17½.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Island Cement is slightly better at \$24 buyers. China Borax are offering at \$35. Watsons have sold and are on offer at \$14. Electric (old) have sold and are in further request at \$13.10; the new issue can be procured at \$6.65. Dairy Farms are on offer at \$11 ex the dividend of 75 cents per share for 1901-1902 paid on the 9th instant. United Asbestos are on offer at \$84. China Providents have been booked at \$39 and more shares are wanted. Watkins have sold at \$74 and continue in request. Universal Traders are quoted at \$21 buyers. Powells have been booked at \$94. China Light and Power are offering at the reduced rate of \$13.

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M. S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1902. [116]

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 22nd day of DECEMBER, 1902, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Special Resolution.

RESOLUTION.

That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1867, 1893, and that the HONOURABLE CHARLES STEWART SHARP, ALEXANDER GEORGE WOOD, and JOHN THOMAS MARTIN WHEELEY be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them solely to exercise all the powers of the joint Liquidators.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1902.

By Order of the Consulting Committee, WILLIAM D. JUPP, Acting Manager.

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ALTERATION.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

The Company's Steamship

"HAILONG."

Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 13th inst., at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1902. [3335]

THE PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "INDRAMA" FROM PORTLAND (OR), YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

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ALLAN CAMERON,

General Agent.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1902. [14]

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1902. [2402]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS will be ready on Monday, and will contain—

Leading Articles—

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s Meeting.

Rider-mans and the Water Supply.

China Teas.

Undesirables in Hongkong.

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Hongkong Sanitary Board.

The Murder of Mr. Evans.

Enquiry into Collapse of Buildings.

Japan and Oriental Supremacy.

The Pacific Mail S.S. Korea.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1902. [3321]

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1902. [3262]

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Hongkong, 10th December, 1902. [3318]

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GEO. P. LAMBERT,

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1902. [3326]

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Hongkong, 21st June 1901. [191]

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Hongkong, 21st October, 1902. [2498]

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"COLLAPSABLE BUILDINGS"—The City Hall is still standing, despite the fact that Daily Press kindly asserted that Miss Janet Waldorf had brought down the house.

"SOLDIER"—The "Wrong Mr. Wright" is a farcical comedy, and if you don't laugh till you ache, then seriously you are in a critical condition and fit for the hospital.

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1902. [3291]

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have been no good to me. I shall be pleased to answer
any questions, and afflicted brothers and sisters can
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to verify by enquiries from the parties
whose names appear in the report laid before
the Council, the correctness or otherwise of the
statements which it contains. So far I have
been able to do so in some 28 or 29 cases, and
21 of them, I consider, fully corroborate what
is stated in this report. The remaining 5
or 6 leave the matter rather doubtful
or show that the report is inaccurate. I
may point out that the report is confined
to one morning. It is a report showing the
state of affairs found to exist on that
particular morning, whereas the statement
of the people given me is a general state-
ment of how they fared in the matter of
water supply. Therefore it is rather difficult—
even though their statements do not appear to
corroborate the report—it seems doubtful
whether the report as regards that particular
morning was absolutely inaccurate. The matter,
I may say, is still in my hands, and I shall
report to your Excellency when I have com-
pleted my investigations.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—Sir, from
the remarks which have dropped from the
hon. member who moved the resolution, it
seems that he is labouring under a mis-
apprehension. He spoke of the report of
which he complains as having been passed by
the Director of Public Works.

Hon. Mr. PLAYFAIR—Tabled.
The COLONIAL SECRETARY—I beg your
pardon, I submit, that in as much as the
report is only the report of a subordinate
of the Director of Public Works, this subject is
hardly one that ought to be referred to the
committee asked for. I am sure the mover of
the motion himself and the seconder will agree
with me that if the subordinate of the Director
of Public Works has been in fault in this matter
there is no one who would be more anxious and
more ready to follow up the matter and in-
vestigate it thoroughly than the hon. mem-
ber who moved the resolution. That, sir, appears to
me to be the proper course to pursue in this matter,
and I submit that there is no necessity for any
such committee as is asked for. The Director
of Public Works has already stated that
his attention having been drawn to this
report, he is investigating it thoroughly,
and I think that this Council may very well
trust the Director of Public Works to make
that investigation a very searching one.

Hon. Mr. PLAYFAIR—Sir, I quite agree with
the hon. Colonial Secretary. I have not any
special desire to press this resolution to a di-
vision, as publicity has already been given to the
matter, and I would ask my seconder's leave
not to press the resolution to a vote, but at the
same time I hope that the Government will see
that there has been a very great deal of truth
in what we have said.

His EXCELLENCY—You wish to withdraw
the resolution?

Hon. Mr. PLAYFAIR—I withdraw the resolu-
tion.
His EXCELLENCY—I have no doubt the
Director of Public Works will investigate the
matter fully. I quite agree that it is an ex-
tremely unfortunate thing that any misstate-
ment should be made or laid on the table of this
house, but hon. members will have confidence
that the Director of Public Works will sift this
matter thoroughly.

THIRD READINGS.
On the motion of Hon. C. S. SHARP, seconded
by Hon. C. W. DICKSON, the Bill entitled an
Ordinance to authorise the making of By-laws
by the "Star" Ferry Company, Limited, was
read a third time and passed.

On the motion of the ATTORNEY-GENERAL,
seconded by the COLONIAL SECRETARY, the Bill
entitled the New Territories Titles Ordinance
was read a third time and passed.

On the motion of the ATTORNEY-GENERAL,
seconded by the COLONIAL SECRETARY, the
Council went into committee on the Bill en-
titled an Ordinance to consolidate and amend
the Laws relating to Public Health and to
Buildings, and resumed consideration of its
clauses and sections.

In connection with clause 100, Hon. Mr.
PLAYFAIR asked whether "cement-mortar" and
"good lime" should not be defined; should not
there be a standard to say the exact proportions?
The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS said there
could be certain minimum proportions specified
of cement or lime with mortar but it had never
been done hitherto.

Hon. Mr. PLAYFAIR remarked that the result
was that the town was tumbling down as fast as
it could because builders did not use proper
proportions.

His EXCELLENCY did not see how they
could define these terms. You might have
the same number of parts and yet get good mortar in one case and bad mortar
in the other.

Hon. Mr. PLAYFAIR said he would suggest
the addition to this clause of the provision that
the Building Authority or his assistants might
at any time cut a hole through a wall to ascertain
whether or not it had been built solid through-
out.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said that had
been provided for later on.

Clause 101 referred to the thickness of
external walls.

Hon. Mr. SHARP said he had had a repre-
sentation from Mr. Danby, whose name was
mentioned during the second reading of the Bill
as one well qualified to give an opinion, that he
thought the extra thickness of walls was really
not required. Mr. Danby stated that "in all his
long experience he thought he could conscientiously
say he had never heard or known of a house
collapsing which had been built in strict
accordance with the present building regula-
tions." He should like to ask the Director of
Public Works whether in his experience he could
find any instance where the present regulations
had been strictly complied with and a house so
built had collapsed? The Bill provided for a very
considerable increase and after the experience
of last year it was the desire of them all to see
every care taken to prevent sacrifice of life; his
view was certainly favourable to a margin on
the right side, but when a representation such
as he had mentioned was made he thought it was
entitled to some hearing and consideration.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS stated
that the thicknesses embodied in the present
Bill were practically those appearing in the
Glasgow Building Act of 1903. It was almost
a repetition. The only thing was that in the
Glasgow Act the progressive steps are limited
to 14 feet whereas in this they were 15 feet,
and considering that stories of houses were usually
a little higher here than at home he thought it
desirable to allow that slight increase. He
considered that several of the collapses were due
to insufficient strength of walls.

His EXCELLENCY asked whether the differ-
ence in the thickness of the joints would make
any difference in the strength of the walls; would a quarter-inch joint be stronger than a
three-quarter-inch joint?

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS—Yes.
His EXCELLENCY said he asked the question
because sometimes in his rambles in the early
mornings he saw walls with joint lines of three-
quarters of an inch, and thought that might
have something to do with the collapse of the
wall.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL remarked that the
opinion of the jury in the collapse enquiry was
that the walls were not thick enough.

The COLONIAL TREASURER—A common
jury. (Laughter.)
The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—A common
jury. (Laughter.)

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS proposed
the following amendment to sub-section 2 of
clause 101:—"The thickness of walls prescribed
in sub-section 1 of the section shall apply to
stories not exceeding 15 feet in height and said
height shall be measured from the centre of the
floor joists to the centre of the ceiling joists.
The walls of any building containing stories of
greater height than 15 feet shall be increased in
thickness in proportion to such greater
height." The whole of the first sentence to be
deleted.

On the suggestion of Hon. Mr. SHARP, the
clauses were re-committed.

Sub-section 3 of section 102 had the following
provision:—"The rods required for external walls
more than 3 feet in length."

Hon. Mr. SHARP, referring to the provision
that the rods should be placed not less than 10
feet apart, said he had it on reliable authority
that 10 feet seemed much too close, and the
instance had been brought up of a building
already having 8-ft. joists built into the walls.
His would still require to have additional tie
rods 14 inches in diameter, every 10 feet.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS said that
was not intended. If a building was so con-
structed it should be perfectly willing to waive
the provision of the tie rods provided the joists
had bolts securing them carried through the
wall and wearing plates on the end.

On the suggestion of the ATTORNEY-GENERAL,
an addition was made to the effect that the
Building Authority should have the power to
modify the requirements of the section where
necessary.

An amendment by Hon. Mr. PLAYFAIR to
section 105 (construction of foundations) "that
such foundations shall in every case be exam-
ined by an officer specially deputed by the
Building Authority, in that behalf before the
foundations are filled up" was withdrawn after
discussion.

In connection with clause 123 (corbels to be
of stone or bricks) the following addition was
made:—"The entire thickness of the wall
throughout the height of such corbelling shall
also be built in cement-mortar."

To section 131 (material for coping, cornices,
etc.) there was added on the suggestion of
the DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:—"Every
projection constructed of combustible material
other than stone shall be built in cement-mortar
and the entire thickness of that portion of the
wall covered by such projection shall also be
built in cement-mortar."

In the case of clause 138, which provided that
verandahs and balconies were not to be enclosed
or obstructed, it was pointed out by the HARBOUR
MASTER that it would preclude a householder
from even putting a chair out on his verandah.

His EXCELLENCY said it was intended to
apply to Chinese houses in which verandahs,
being over Crown land, were practically
turned into rooms.

The clause was amended to exclude from its
operation houses in the European Reservation
and the Hill District.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS stated
that when the re-committed clauses came up
he intended to bring in an amendment with
regard to balconies in narrow streets; at
present he was not prepared with the amend-
ment.

When clause 132, dealing with requirements
as to cubicles in existing buildings, was reached,
His EXCELLENCY said that they had
calculated that the new regulations
would remove from 30,000 to 40,000
people. But if only two cubicles were to be
allowed on a floor he was under the impression
that at least 100,000 people would be removed.

His EXCELLENCY asked whether the new regula-
tions would be met by allowing three cubicles instead of two.
Sub-section 9 was as follows:—"No cubicle
or room used for sleeping purposes shall have a
less floor area than 100 square feet and a less
length or width than 7 feet."

Hon. Dr. HO KAI proposed, and it was
agreed, to add the following:—"Unless such
cubicle or room has a window opening direct
into the external air and having a total glazed
area of not less than one-tenth of the floor area
of such cubicle or room; in which case the
floor area of such cubicle or room shall not be
less than 64 square feet."

Besides the amendments given above, a number
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clauses.

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ENQUIRY INTO COLLAPSES OF
BUILDINGS.

PRAYA E. ST.
Yesterday afternoon, before Mr. F. A.
Hazelard and a common jury, an official
enquiry was opened into the circumstances
attending the fatal collapse at 45, Praya East,
on 2nd August last, resulting in the death of
thirteen Chinese. Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown
Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Govern-
ment; Mr. H. W. Lockyer of the architects,
Messrs. Leigh and Orange, and Mr. C. D.
Wilkinson of the contractor, Man Wo, Mr.
A. S. Hooper watched the case on behalf of the
owners, the Land Investment Company, of which
he is secretary.

The juryman were—Edwardo Pereira,
Albrecht Wilhelm Schullis, and Thomas
Forgan.

Mr. Bowley addressed the jury and asked
them to dismiss from their minds any precon-
ceived opinions they might have formed
regarding the collapse. As to the house, it was
a four-story one standing at the corner of Praya
East and Nulih Lane, Wanchoi. On the
night of the collapse the top floor was unoc-
cupied, but the second, first and ground floors
were, the last by a baker. There was a typhoon
in the vicinity of the Colony on 2nd August
last, and between 10 p.m. and 10.3 p.m. the
wind, according to the instruments at the
Observatory, had a maximum speed of 87
miles an hour. Very soon afterwards, how-
ever, before the collapse, the wind dropped,
and the storm passed away. Survivors of
the accident would be called to show
that the house was properly shored up before it
fell, and that those inside were not taking
much notice of the typhoon. About one
o'clock at night the occupants of the first
floor noticed that water was coming through
the ceiling, and sent up to make enquiries.
Very soon afterwards the house suddenly fell
upon them, and a witness would be called who
would say that he heard no premonitory indica-
tions that the house was giving way—simply
one crash like thunder, and then he was
surrounded by ruin and rendered insensible.

A military sergeant of police who had oc-
cupied the Hongkong Police Force was in the Praya
East Hotel, about twenty or thirty yards
from the place of the accident, at about ten
o'clock, and when he and a companion came out
at about ten minutes past ten there was no wind
blowing and the rain had stopped, although
only at that moment. Whilst standing on the
pavement he heard a crash, and looking round
in the direction of the noise he found that the
top story of 45, Praya East had fallen into
Stope Nulih Lane. He immediately gave the
alarm to the police, and they commenced getting
the people out of the adjoining houses. Whilst
engaged in this work, and some five minutes
after the first collapse, this witness would
tell the jury that the second and first floors
also collapsed, and that fire broke out in the
ground floor. The police procured a hose and
after half an hour's work the fire was subdued.
During the progress of the fire there was a
third collapse, that of the verandahs of the
second and first floors, which fell into the
Praya. Efforts were then concentrated in
getting the unfortunate people out of the ruins,
and that night the police recovered six bodies
and a boy of 13, who died next day. On that
day the work was continued, and six more
bodies were taken out. What the jury had to
decide was whether Mr. Bowley was to find out
whether anybody was to blame for this accident,
whether anybody was guilty of culpable negli-
gence in discharging any duty that might have
devolved upon him in respect of this house.

The house was practically a new one, and with
others adjoining was the property of the
Hongkong Land Investment Company. The
architects were Messrs. Leigh and Orange, one
of the most responsible and experienced firms
in the Colony, who invited tenders and drew
up plans and specifications for the construction
of 24 houses for the Land Investment
Company. Ultimately a contract was entered
into with a Chinaman who trades under the
name of Man Wo, and who has been a
contractor in Hongkong for 25 years. Messrs.
Leigh and Orange also engaged on behalf of the
owners two overseers, and in the carrying out
of the work the architects were entrusted with
its supervision and in seeing that it progressed
in accordance with the plans and specifications.
In dealing with the case, the jury would have
to bear in mind that each person was responsible
for his own branch of the work, and was not
excused by the neglect of another. Most of
the evidence in the case would turn probably
upon the construction of the walls. The side
wall was 68 feet in height, and the Ordinance
required that such a wall should be 22 inches
thick on the ground floor stories, 18 inches on
the next two stories above, and 14 inches on
the top story. These were the minimum
requirements of the law. The wall was 43 feet
11 inches long, without any return or cross
wall. The Public Works Department had
not taken the trouble to exercise discretion
in any way by adding to the thickness
of this wall, so it was to be assumed that
the Department approved of it. The cost for
the 27 houses was \$82,500, including certain
extras. As to the materials, the jury would
probably find that the bricks were good but
that the mortar was poor. There had been a
deviation from the plan, concluded the Crown
Solicitor, and owing to this there had been
formed a sort of recess in the wall into which
the wind blew. If the houses had been con-
structed as originally planned that recess would
not have been there and the wind could not
have got into it.

Evidence of a formal nature having been
taken, Augustus Shilton Hooper, secretary of
the Land Investment & Agency Co., was called,
and detailed the history of the houses and the
nature of the contract. Man Wo, the contractor,
he had known of and on for ten years, and
had always found him a good man for that
class of work. The remuneration of the
architects, Messrs. Leigh and Orange, who also
supervised and superintended the work,
was five per cent. on the total cost of the
building. A man named Maher succeeded
another called Broad as overseer; Maher
was employed from April, 1900, till the
completion of the house, and had a salary of
\$50 per month. Under the contract the houses
were to be completed on 1st December, but
they were not finished until a little later—in
February. They were certified by the P.W.D.
to have been built in accordance with the pro-
visions of the Ordinance. Witness had no
recollection of being consulted by the archi-
tects, during the progress of the work, with
regard to any deviation from the plans
deposited, but he had not the slightest doubt
that it was brought to the notice of his
Company.

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1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's.
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3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.
4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	BANGAL	Brit. str.	—	A. L. Valentini	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 20th inst., at Noon.
LONDON	PELUS	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 6th January.
LONDON	ANTHONY	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th January.
AMSTERDAM & LONDON	ULYSSES	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst.
LIVERPOOL, DIRECT	ALCINOUS	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th inst.
LIVERPOOL, DIRECT	TYDEUS	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th January.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, CHAGEN, & BALTIC PORTS	PRINCESSE MARIE	Dan. str.	—	Berentzen	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	INDUS	Indus str.	—	Duchateau	MELCHERS & CO.	On 15th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, LONDON & ANTWERP	TEENAI	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	SADO MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. J. G. Parsons	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at Daylight.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & AMSTERDAM	COPELY	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th January.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	BAIKEN	Ger. str.	2 m.	H. Blocker	MELCHERS & CO.	On 24th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SUEVIA	Ger. str.	—	Borch	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 17th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	NURNBERG	Ger. str.	—	Jahrg	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 13th January.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SILESA	Ger. str.	—	Bahlo	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 27th January.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	WURZBURG	Ger. str.	—	v. Binzer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th February.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	C. FEED. LAEISZ	Ger. str.	—	Fuchs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 24th February.
GENOA, LONDON & ANTWERP	BRUNION	Brit. str.	—	Wallace	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On or about 10th inst.
GENOA & HAMBURG	STRASBURG	Ger. str.	—	Madsen	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 31st inst.
NAPLES, LEGHORN & LONDON	HYSON	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 22nd inst.
TRIESTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	VINDOBONA	Ans. str.	—	Cobel	SANDEL, WIELER & CO.	On 18th inst., P.M.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	ORONO	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LD.	To-day.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS	ADRIA	Ger. str.	—	Schneersmidt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 30th inst.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 17th inst., at Noon.
VANCOUVER, &c., VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	KINGCOW	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	ANTHIAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 31st inst.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	KINSHU MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. L. Pyne	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th inst., at 4 P.M.
PORTLAND, OREGON	TACOMA	Brit. str.	—	A. Dixon	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 17th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	SHONAKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. J. Currow	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	INDRASAHNA	Brit. str.	2 m.	R. P. Carver	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	On 20th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CHINGYU	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 30th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	E. W. Haswell	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st January, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	CANTON	Brit. str.	—	C.F. Lockstone, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 14th inst.
YOKOHAMA & YOKOHAMA	SANUKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	W. Townsend	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Jan., at Daylight.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TANBA MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. W. Wals	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th inst., at Daylight.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at Noon.
CHEFOO & SHINWANTAO	HUNAN	Brit. str.	—	Schulz	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th inst.
SHANGHAI	LOONGMOON	Ger. str.	—	Flaudia	MELCHERS & CO.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	LAGOS	Freu. str.	2 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On or about 15th inst.
SHANGHAI	WU-SUNG	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th inst.
SHANGHAI	CHIHUI	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th inst.
SHANGHAI	KALASARAT	P. str.	—	F. R. Summers	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI	KORSA	P. str.	—	Pernitz	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, PORT ARTHUR & VLADIVOSTOK	DANG MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	T. W. Groves	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst.
TAMSU, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	ANGING MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	I. Goto	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 17th inst.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	MAIZUYU MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	T. Saito	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst.
AMOY, SAMPANG & SOUBARAYA	KWEIYA-G	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 22nd inst.
AMOY, SAMPANG & FOOCHOW	HAILOONG	Brit. str.	—	Gibson	DOUGLAS LARRAIE & CO.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
CEBU & ILOILO	JAIFONG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th inst.
MANILA	ROSETTA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	N. Tate	MIITSU BUSSAN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
MANILA, DIRECT	RURI	Brit. str.	—	E. W. Almond	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 17th inst., at Noon.
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SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	LIGHTNING	Brit. str.	—	J. G. Spence	DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.	On 17th inst., at 3 P.M.
BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE & PENANG	CAPRI	Ital. str.	2 m.	Belato	CARLOWITZ & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	BOMBAY MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd January, at Noon.

